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SUBJECT: DUTCH REACTION TO AUSTRIAN DECISION TO

CEASE FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO

JEWISH EMIGRES

REF: STATE 194596

1. SUMMARY: PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR LEADERS OF TWO
LARGEST POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE ASKED GON TO (A) PROTEST
AUSTRIAN DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOENAU, (B) URGE DECISION
BE RESCINDED, AND (C) SET UP SIMILAR RECEPTION/TRANSIT
CENTER IN NETHERLANDS IF IT IS NOT. FOREIGN
MINISTER HAS INDICATED GON IN PRINCIPLE WILLING TO
SET UP CENTER BUT SAYS HE WILL FIRST SEEK "CLARIFICATION"
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FROM AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT ON ITS DECISION. POL COUNS

WILL MEET WITH DIRECOR, EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, MFA, LATER TODAY TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE STATES 194596. THIS DISCUSSION AND ANY REPORT ON RESULTS GON APPROACH TO AUSTRIANS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION TO PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER SEPT 29, LABOR PARTY (NATION'S LARGEST) FLOOR LEADER VAN THIJN ASKED (A) WHETHER GON WILLING TO PROTEST AUSTRAIN DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOENAU, (B) EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT AT AUSTRIAN SURRENDER TO TERRORIST BLACKMAIL, AND (C) SET UP SIMILAR TRANSIT/RECEPTION CENTER FOR SOVIET JEWS IN NETHERLANDS IF AUSTRIA UNWILLING RESCIND ITS DECISION. LATER SAME DAY ANDRIESSEN, FLOOR LEADER FOR THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S PARTY (NATION'S SECOND LARGEST) DEPLORED AUSTRIAN DECISION AND ALSO URGED GON TO SET UP CENTER FOR SOVIET JEWS IF NECESSARY. IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS, LEADERS OF MANY OTHER DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES SUBSCRIBED TO SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED BY POLITICAL LEADERS OF TWO LARGEST PARTIES.

3. ON RETURN TO NETHERLANDS FROM UNGA, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL TOLD REPORTERS AT AIRPORT THAT GON WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO ACDEPT SOVIET JEWS IN TRANSIT TO ISRAEL. BUT FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO DEPLORED AUSTRIAN DECISION, FIRST WISHED CLARIFICATION FROM AUSTRIANS ON WHAT EXACTLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR DECISION MEANT FOR SOVIET JEWS. VAN DER STOEL SAID HE WOULD BE SEEKING SUCH CLARIFICATION OCT 1. FONMIN NOTED GON IN ESPECIALLY DELICATE POSITION IN VIEW OF ITS PROVISION OF CONSULAR FACILITIES TO SOVEIT JEWS EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL.

4. AUSTRIAN DECISION TO CLOSE SCHOENAU DOMINATED RADIO AND TV NEWS (THERE ARE NO SUNDAY PAPERS) THIS WEEKEND AND IS FRONT-PAGE STORY IN EVERY MORNING PAPER OCT 1. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN SPARSE SO FAR (BECAUSE OF WEEKEND) BUT NATION'S LARGEST DAILY, CONSERVATIVE TELEGRAAF, HAS LONG EDITORIAL COMDEMNING AUSTRAIN SUBMISSION TO BLACKMAIL AND URGING THAT GON CONFIDENTIAL

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SET UP CENTER SIMILAR TO SCHOENAU IF AUSTRIANS DO NOT RESCIND DECISION.

5. POLCOUNS HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA'S DIRECTOR OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, LATER IN DAY. IN ADDITION TO MAKING DEMARCHE PER REFTTEL, HE WILL REQUEST REPORT ON RESULTS -- IF ANY--OF VAN DER STOEL'S REPRESENTATIONS TO GOA.

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